

DAMAGES OF \$40,000 AT MAIN ST. FIRE

Boston Store and Woolworth's in
Danger of Destruction

TWO AGED PEOPLE RESCUED

Chief Noble Believes Carelessness,
Not Incendiarism, Responsible—
Smoke Drives Out 60 Families—
Firemen Save Blocks.

About 60 families were driven into the street last night by a fire in the blocks at 212 and 214 Main street which caused damage estimated today by Chief William C. Noble of the fire department at \$40,000. After the fire was discovered the two blocks filled so rapidly with smoke that the tenants including many children and aged people were forced to flee in scant attire. The comfort station on the triangle was used as a refuge for the children and they were cared for there until able to return to their homes.

The fire started in a hatchway in the rear of the Boston Store, which occupies the ground floor of the block at 212, and spread over into the basement of F. W. Woolworth's store and then upward through the partitions to the second floor where it was checked. The fire damage was confined to the Woolworth basement and store, but the Boston Store suffered heavily from smoke and water. The B. C. Porter company also suffered small smoke damage.

Three Firemen Overcome

Several of the firemen had narrow escapes fighting the blaze, being overcome by the smoke and present in every part of the building. Captain Victor Davis and Edward March of No. 2 truck and John Maher of Engine Co. No. 5 being carried from the building by other members of the department. N. E. Pyler, manager of the Woolworth company, was overcome in the store while he was attempting to rescue the records of the store and money from the flames.

Charles Kempshall, an invalid veteran of the Civil War, and Mrs. Charles Johnson, an aged woman, were rescued from the smoke filled building, it being necessary to carry them out on stretchers. Both suffered from the smoke and were removed to the New Britain general hospital. Chief Noble notified the hospital to be ready for an emergency as soon as he arrived on the scene of the fire as it looked as if both buildings were doomed.

Noble Sours "The Bug" Theory

The police are investigating the cause of the blaze, thinking that it may have been of incendiary origin. Chief Noble of the fire department scents the theory however, and is of the opinion that somebody who had been in the building earlier in the day had carelessly thrown a match or cigarette on something that started the fire.

Isaac McMillan, owner of the property, Mr. J. J. Donnelly, manager of the Boston Store, and the fire department for the work done at the fire, saying that when they arrived at the scene, it did not seem possible that anything could be saved from the flames, and attributed the fact that the loss was only about \$40,000, instead of over \$100,000, to the hard and efficient work of every man in the department. Chief Noble said this morning that both portions of the department were 100 per cent on the job, and that every man was needed.

Reamer Discovers Fire

Edward Bollen, a roomer in the block, smelted smoke while he was sitting in his room in the rear of the building and looking out of the window, saw the flames coming from the hatchway under the Boston Store. He shouted and a telephone call was sent to Engine Co. No. 1 answering. Arriving at the scene and seeing the situation immediately, a box alarm was given at 9:12 followed by a general alarm at 9:25. At 11:29 the fire was subdued, but several pieces of apparatus remained on duty until early this morning to guard against another possible outbreak.

Chief Noble was told by a woman

in the building that between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon she had caught the odor of smoke and had gone to the window, thinking that somebody was burning rubbish in the incinerator in the alley, but could see no sign of a fire at that time. She dismissed the thought from her mind and closed the window to keep the odor out, thinking that it was coming from some other block in the neighborhood. The chief is of the opinion that it was really the fire in the basement that caused the smoke for when the fire department was called, there were timbers completely burned that the chief said would take several hours to burn through.

Seen after the arrival of the fire

apparatus, the advisability of calling upon the Hartford department for aid was considered, but Chief Noble decided that the local apparatus was capable of coping with the situation, provided that nothing unforeseen occurred.

The Lines Strung Out

The crowds gathered so quickly that every available policeman was pressed into service to keep it back and permit the firemen to go about their work unhindered. Chief William C. Hart was not early arrival on the scene and directed the work of the police. Lines were placed to add the police in keeping the crowd, estimated at about 7,000, from pressing too close.

Chief Noble said today that automobiles

caused a considerable delay for the department in getting at the blaze and rescuing people from the building, and attributed the fact that there were no casualties from the smoke to good luck. He said that he was going to take up the matter of regulation.

BOHENY DISCLAIMS SUPPORTING REVOLT

Sen. Wheeler However, Says He
Will Also Implicate Ex-Sec. Fall

CALLS HIM A "GO-BETEEN"

First Step in Daugherty Proceedings
Will Be Sifting of Charges Concerning Mexican Rebellions—Assaults, Judgeships, Too.

New York, March 10.—Edward L. Boheny, denying the charge of Senator Wheeler that he, with Sinclair and other interests had financed a revolution against the Mexican government, today declared that he had lent \$5,000,000 to the Oregon government which enabled it to put down the rebellion.

Calls Statement False

Mr. Boheny issued a statement attacking Senator Wheeler for his declaration, which he said was made with reckless disregard for the truth. "I would have been a fool to finance gun runners into Mexico," he said. "Senator Wheeler's statement, as reported in the press," Boheny said, "that he expects to show that E. L. Boheny and others furthered a revolution against the Oregon government in Mexico is absolutely false—just as false as his previous statement of February 19 that Mosses, Sinclair, McLean and I had held meetings in the apartment of Attorney General Daugherty."

Witnesses Arriving

Washington, March 10.—With witnesses arriving for the opening of the senate inquiry into the administration of Attorney General Daugherty, efforts to shake him out of the cabinet, while apparently continuing over the week-end, have brought no open developments in advance.

Despite the manifest desire of many

administration leaders for his immediate retirement and the preparations that have been made to fill his place at almost a moment's notice, the attorney general has shown no outward sign of weakening in his announced determination not to resign until after the inquiry.

Revolt Is First Step

The charges that former Secretary Fall and the Boheny and Sinclair oil interests have taken a hand in the Mexican revolution against the Oregon government and that efforts by department of justice agents to prevent violations of neutrality along the border were "called off by Washington" have been selected tentatively by the investigating committee as the first subject for their inquiry. In this connection, the committee also plans to inquire how the names of witnesses for whom subpoenas were issued became public when it was intended that they should not be made known in advance.

In announcing today the calling of

another witness, Harry S. Olson, former mayor of Chicago, Ill., it was explained by Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, that the committee's first inquiry would relate to the 1921 revolution against Oregon in Lower California headed by Estaban Cantu, a former governor.

Fall as Go-Between

Senator Wheeler said he expected information from Olson and others to show that Fall was the "go-between" in the use of a fund of \$1,000,000 raised largely by American oil companies to finance the Cantu revolution. The committee is informed that recognition for the revolutionary government was promised contingently and that Fall and others held conferences looking to its success.

Small Appointments, Too

Another line of the Daugherty investigation disclosed today related to Mr. Daugherty's selection of federal judges. Senator Wheeler said the committee was advised that a judge appointed in a middle western state had been subjected to disbarment proceedings and escaped only by pleading the statute of limitations.

Senator Wheeler and Chairman

Daugherty conferred today with a number of prospective witnesses. They hope to open hearings Wednesday or Thursday.

McMILLAN IN TROUBLE

"Bo," of Football Fame, Cited by Federal Official in Connection With

Employer's Alleged Misuse of Mails

Shreveport, La., March 10.—Federal officials today served on "Bo" McMillan, football coach at Centenary college here, a peremptory order that he produce all letters, cashbooks, journals, cancelled checks and other records of the Harry Morris Guaranteed Gusher Syndicate, No. 2, and allied concerns.

The order served on McMillan

in connection with a civil action concurrent with criminal prosecution of Morris for alleged use of the mails to defraud in promotion of a concern.

Americanization Officer

Of Legion Quits His Job

Watbury, March 10.—Announcement was made here today that Michael J. Galante of this city has resigned as state Americanization officer of the American Legion. It was reported also that the resignations of several members of the state department's executive committee were accepted at a meeting of state officers in New Haven Saturday. Non-attendance at a committee meeting is given as the reason. The next Connecticut department convention will be held in Torrington on August 28, 29 and 30. The posts at Seymour and Chester are winners of first and second prizes, respectively, in a statewide membership contest recently conducted.

CONGRESSMAN ARRESTED ON SERIOUS ACCUSATION

Knouton of Minnesota and War Dept.
Clerk Are Being Held by
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Wants Investigation

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Brings Back News of Hanging
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Ottawa, March 10.—First word of the execution on February 1 at Fort Herschel, in the icebound far-north of Alaska, of two Eskimo murderers, came to civilization today when Sergeant Thorne of the Royal Canadian mounted police telephoned from Yukon that the hangings had taken place without a hitch.

The Eskimos were convicted of

murdering Corporal Cook, the R. C. M. P. and Otto Binder, a trader of Coronation Gulf, after an Arctic food caused by the desire of a white man to marry an Eskimo girl.

When appeals to the dominion govern-

ment to commute the executions failed, the Eskimos were hanged. The word from the north was picked up February 10 by a news carrier and Thorne was sent for the south.

WOOD ALCOHOL CACHE

LOCATED IN BRISTOL

Member of Drinking Party

In Critical Condition at

Hospital

Bristol, March 10.—Jeff Wilson, 28 years old, a teamster, living at the Prospect hotel on Prospect street, was taken to St. Francis' hospital in Hartford last night apparently in a dying condition as the result of drinking a concoction, the basis of which was said to be wood alcohol, earlier in the evening. Wilson had been drinking in the afternoon and early last night in company with friends and as soon as his helpless condition was noted Dr. R. J. Boyle was called to the hotel. Realizing at once the critical condition of the man, Dr. Boyle gave emergency treatment and ordered that Wilson be taken at once to the hospital. Rev. Oliver T. Maguire, pastor of St. Joseph's church, was also called and prepared Wilson for death.

Daniel O'Hanley, a fellow roomer at

the Prospect hotel and also a teamster, and a member of the party, was also last night at the police station where he was taken as a material witness. Fred Giguere, was rounded up as the man who assisted the two men in securing the intoxicant and also as a member of the drinking party.

As a result of the illness of the

men, the police raiding squad, consisting of Officers John T. McLaughlin, James W. Burns and Corporal Joseph Gaudin and Officer Edgar Norton, were sent out to locate the place where the alcohol had been obtained. They were armed with search warrants issued by Prosecuting Attorney James T. Mather and combed thoroughly the home of Max Phillips, a Prospect street tailor, at the corner of South and Union streets. Phillips denied any knowledge of any intoxicant in his home at first and the police could find no trace of any illegal beverage until a sandy spot in the cellar was noticed. A shovel soon brought to view pints and quarts and gallon cans of alcohol, in all about five gallons, which was brought to headquarters. Phillips was arrested, but was later released under \$1,000 bonds, furnished by David Segal, a local junk dealer.

Wilson, O'Hanley, Giguere and

John McNeil participated in a party that started first in the rooms of the men and later adjourned to the lively stable of Levi White on Laurel street, where they are employed. According to the story told the police, Giguere poured whisky and O'Hanley where the liquor could be bought and fasted vouched for O'Hanley, so that he could obtain the field. The men brought about two quarts of the liquor which cost them \$2 a pint. The intoxicant was clear white in color and last night at the police station was declared to be wood alcohol. Dr. Boyle informed Officer McLaughlin, who conducted the investigation at the Prospect hotel, that Wilson had drunk something of a poisonous nature. When the men had almost reached the helpless state, they returned to the hotel where Wilson's dangerous condition was noted. He was nearly unconscious when the physician was called.

Wilson came here last April from

St. Peter's Bay, Prince Edward Island, where his parents and four brothers live. Two sisters are married, live in Boston. He is not of the steady drinking type, according to the hotel people, but a man of good habits and a faithful worker. He was asked to join the party yesterday and in a spirit of sociability consented to do so. With the exception of Giguere, the three men of the party are all from Prince Edward Island. Giguere is a local man.

Phillips, accused of selling the in-

toxicant, has been a merchant tailor in the city for many years and for a number of months has conducted an establishment on Prospect street. He has never been connected, to the knowledge of the police, with any of the "bootlegging" affairs that have come to light, and the information that he was responsible for the sale of the liquor came as a surprise to the officials. He is a man with a large family and to date has borne a good reputation. Investigation by the police last night indicated that business on no small scale has been handled by the tailor.

Continuance in the case of Phillips,

charged with violation of the liquor law, was decreed by Judge William J. Hutchinson, Jr.

The charge involved a young Hous-

ton woman. It was alleged that she transported her to New Orleans in February, 1921.

SINCLAIR TO FIGHT EFFORT TO CANCEL TEAPOT LEASES, FEELS CERTAIN OF SUCCESS

Leaves Today With Six
Lawyers, Going To
Wyoming To Combat
Government's Attempt
To Get Injunction

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Washington, March 10.—Secretary Hoover in a statement today said it "would be most unfortunate for the people of this country" if radio broadcasting should come within the control of any single corporation, individual or combination. The department of commerce, over which Mr. Hoover presides, has charge of the issuance of licenses for broadcasting. The secretary emphasized his desire not to "express any opinion on particular issues involving the subject which recently has been brought before the courts and the federal trade commission in litigation in connection with patents on broadcasting devices."

"I am in receipt of many requests

for my views as to issues now before the courts bearing on the control of radio broadcasting," he said. "While it is impossible for me to express any opinion on particular issues that are before the courts or the federal trade commission, I can state emphatically that it would be most unfortunate for the people of this country to whom broadcasting has become an important incident of life if its control should come into the hands of any single corporation, individual or combination. It would be in principle the same as though the entire press of the country was so controlled."

"The effect would be identical whether this control arose under a patent monopoly or any form of combination, and from the standpoint of the people's interest the question of whether or not the broadcasting is for profit is immaterial. In the licensing system put in force by this department the life of broadcasting licenses is limited to three months so that no vested rights can be obtained other than in a way length or a license. I believe it is safe to say, irrespective of claims under patent or rights of apparatus, that broadcasting will not cease and neither will our public policy allow it to become monopolized."

FAMILY OF FIVE NEAR DEATH FROM COAL GAS

Father, Mother, Two Boys
and Girl Affected by
Fumes

The entire Cereky family, consisting of father and mother, two sons and a daughter, barely escaped death by asphyxiation from coal gas at their home on Lawlor street last night. Dr. George M. Flanagan was summoned to attend them and found that, although very sick, there were no serious consequences apparent.

According to the story told by the family, Mrs. Cereky has been in the habit of fixing the stove for the night every evening just before retiring. Her habit has been to leave the damper in the pipe slightly open so that the coal gas would be carried up the flue. Last night, however, instead of leaving a slight opening, she inadvertently shut the damper tightly and the family retired for the night.

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